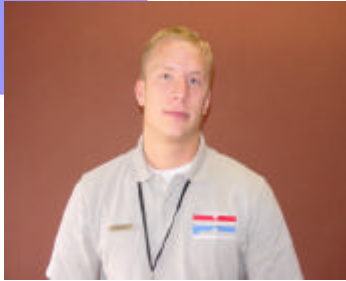


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Recruit Profile



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"10 - Code Mania"

By: Recruit Dillhoff

On Thursday October 9, 2003, the recruits had Communications/Radio Procedures & Simulations with Sgt. De Frang. The night began with "10-Code Mania", a game designed to help the recruits learn the 10-codes. The class was divided into two teams, and the two teams took turns identifying a 10-code and what it stands for. The game was a lot of fun and was a great team building exercise.

The class also con-

ducted a routine traffic stop scenario. During the scenario, the recruits were required to complete the traffic stop utilizing what they have learned so far in the program. For many of the recruits, it was their first time talking to dispatch over a radio. During the scenario, recruits were required to issue a traffic citation. Since

this was the first time many of the recruits had to perform a traffic stop and issue a citation, the scenario was a great learning experience.



Criminal Justice System / Evidence

By: Recruit Miller

On Wednesday, Mr. Alva Rehberg came and taught the class about the criminal justice system and rules of evidence. Mr. Rehberg retired from the Wisconsin State Patrol at the rank of Captain, and was last assigned as District Commander, District 5 Tomah. He has been teaching constitutional law for over thirty years. The recruits started

the class by going over the Bill of Rights in the constitution. The focus was on law enforcement - related related topics such as the Miranda warnings and due process. Landmark cases as they pertain to police work were then discussed. He then went on to teach about what happens during and after the arrest process. The next block of instruction was about the court system. Mr. Rehberg discussed the court sys-

tem, all the way up to the U.S. Supreme Court. Next was rules of evidence. The class was instructed about all the basics of evidence and then were informed about witnesses and testimony. Everyone left with a better understanding of the legal system.

Disaster Training / Storm Spotting

By: Recruit Salbego

On Tuesday October 7th, the recruits were privileged to listen to Mr. Todd Shea from the National Weather Service in La Crosse and his presentation on Natural Disasters. Mr. Shea's official title is Warning Coordination Meteorologist. Mr. Shea spoke about a number of topics including: the different types of clouds, the storm warning process, and the different types of disasters. He incorporated numerous images of live footage of such natural disasters in his presentation, which was extremely informative.

The recruits learned that the

three parts to the warning process are, detect, warn and respond. Also, lightening and flash floods are the leading severe weather killers in the United States each year. The recruits were given many informational handouts about different types of weather. One of those included a statistic sheet with the number of tornadoes in each county, which the recruits found to be an interesting fact.

Last, Mr. Shea provided a small amount of "spotter training" so as law enforcement officers, we can recognize different types of weather disasters and possibly help or speed up the warning system in

our communities. We were also advised of the difference between a certified storm spotter and a storm chaser, which is simply that a spotter receives training about severe weather.



The Picture Says It All:

Photographed By: Recruit Jentzsch

Repelling was a first for all of us. It was also a success that we all enjoyed it together.



Agency Spotlight

By: Recruit Prock

The La Crosse Police Department is one of the finest in the state. The chief of the La Crosse Police Department is Chief Edward Kondracki. The police department consists of



La Crosse Police Department

121 total personnel, including 98 sworn officers, protecting a population of over 52,000. The Police Department utilizes many specialized areas including: Crime Prevention, G.R.E.A.T / D.A.R.E., Emergency Response Team, Investigations, K-9 Officer, School Liaison, Bicycle Patrol, Motorcycle Patrol,

and Mounted Patrol.

La Crosse is located on the west side of Wisconsin in La Crosse County. The city has three rivers near it; the Black, the Mississippi, and the La Crosse. The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Western Wisconsin Technical College, and Viterbo University provide excellent educational opportunities for everyone.

PC Arrest & Control Tactics

By: Recruit Rousseau

On Wednesday of this week, the class had their first look at the PC Arrest and Control Modules. Most of the class thought the program was going to be a continuation of DAAT, but Sgt. Hefti told the recruits right away that the style of instruction was going to be totally different. It didn't take the class long to realize how right he was.

The program was designed by

Mr. Lewis Hicks, a former Navy SEAL, specifically for law enforcement. The program was designed to be physically exhaustive.

The first module taught us knife disarmament techniques. We learned how to thwart an attacker coming from our front, back, left, and right sides. We practiced these techniques over and over until we felt comfortable with them.

The major difference between the Arrest and Control program and DAAT is that Arrest and Con-

trol teaches the class to do something, be it a trained technique, a dynamic application of a trained technique, or a technique not trained, but justifiable under the circumstances. It only matters that you do something.

The goals of the two classes are very similar in that both seek control. For example, once an Arrest and Control tactic is executed, it can automatically move into a DAAT arrest position.



Media Relations

By: Recruit Jentzsch

On Monday, October 6, the recruits were fortunate to have Ms. Amy Dupont and Mr. Kevin Millard from Channel 19 News WXXO La Crosse speak with them about dealing with the media. Mr. Millard and Ms. Dupont gave us valuable insight on how we can best work with the media personnel on and off camera. Recruits learned that

interviews should not be stressful events and that reporters want simple explanations of what happened at the scene. We also learned that it is ok to say we cannot provide information at this time, but should direct the reporter to someone who can. Also, we got a feel for where reporters are coming from and that as long as we communicate with them we can both do what we need to at the scene of a crime. The main theme

of the day was that the media is not the evil entity that many police officers think it is. In many ways it can be a very valuable resource for us to utilize.

